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J. C. Bain, Steward.....	Wade, N. C.
George T. Lane, Doorkeeper.....	Greensboro, N. C.
H. H. Thompson, Sergeant-at-Arms.....	Hillsboro, N. C.
W. A. Graham, Trustee B. A. Fund.....	Raleigh, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

(For Current Year.)

J. W. Denmark, Chairman.....	Raleigh, N. C.
Prof. John Graham.....	Warrenton, N. C.
T. J. Oldham.....	R. F. D. 2, Mebane, N. C.
John A. Davis.....	Tarboro, N. C.
H. E. Thompson.....	Stantonsburg, N. C.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Calling roll by counties—each delegate answering to his name, who will thereupon present his credentials to the Secretary.
2. Reading of the Daily Minutes.
3. Appointment of Committees.
5. Report of Officers.
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6. Motions and Resolutions.
7. Unfinished Business.
8. Election of Officers.
9. Installation of Officers.

PROCEEDINGS.

Alliance Headquarters,
Hillsboro, N. C., August 9-10, 1910.

The Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance convened at Alliance Headquarters, near Hillsboro to-day, August 9, 1910.

Promptly at 12 o'clock, noon, the gavel, in the hands of President R. H. Speight, wrapped the Alliance to order.

The Alliance was then opened in due form.

The Secretary called the roll of counties, and the delegates handed in their credentials.

The President appointed a Committee on Credentials, composed of T. P. Johnston, of Rowan; Augustus Williams, of Martin, and R. G. Hart, of Edgecombe County.

The credentials were referred to this committee, which immediately retired to consider the same.

Pending the report of the Committee on Credentials, a recess was taken to 2:30 p. m.

At 2:30 p. m., sharp, the President called the Alliance to order.

The Committee on Credentials, through their Chairman, T. P. Johnston, presented their report, which was adopted, recognizing the following list of delegates and alternates:

DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES.

Alamance—J. H. Walker, R. 2, Burlington, N. C.; alternate, S. C. Connor, Mebane, N. C.

Bertie—W. L. Walker, Colerain, N. C.; alternate, O. F. White, Colerain, N. C.

Columbus—J. H. Williams, Chadbourn, N. C.

Cumberland—S. J. McLaurin, Fayetteville, N. C.; alternate, J. R. McIntyre, Fayetteville, N. C., R. D.

Chatham—Thomas I. Braxton, Saxapahaw, N. C., R. 1.

Davidson—A. M. Hunter, Lexington, N. C.

Duplin—W. G. Kornegay, Alvin, N. C.

Edgecombe—R. G. Hart; alternate, A. J. Williams, Rocky Mount, N. C., R. 5.

Franklin—P. F. Evans, Franklinton, N. C.

Guilford—D. A. Montgomery, Greensboro, N. C.; alternate, George T. Lane, Greensboro, N. C.

Hertford—J. H. Evans, Harrillsville, N. C.

Johnston—Moses Creech, Kenly, N. C., R. 2.

Lenoir—Oscar Hardy, Seven Springs, N. C.; alternate, D. Wilkins, Seven Springs, N. C., R. 3.

Lincoln—W. A. Graham, Machpelah, N. C.

Martin—Augustus Williams, Robersonville, N. C.

Nash—J. L. Green, Whitakers, N. C., R. 2; alternate, T. E. Powell, Whitakers, N. C., R. 2.

Orange—H. H. Thompson, Hillsboro, N. C.; alternate, P. M. Sykes, Hillsboro, N. C.

Rowan—T. P. Johnston, Salisbury, N. C.

Wayne—P. C. Caldwell, Goldsboro, N. C., R. 1; alternate, Jesse T. Egerton, Kenly, N. C., R. 1.

Wilson—J. H. Flowers, Taylor, N. C.

The State Alliance now being fully organized and ready for business, the President proceeded to deliver his Annual Address, which is as follows:

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

Brethren of the North Carolina Farmers' Alliance:

In these times of immense accumulations of private fortunes and combinations of capital and corporate greed, it becomes more imperative than every that unity of action should, on the part of the laboring classes, especially the cultivators of agricultural products, who constitute three-fourths of the population of our State and a very large per cent of the populations of other States, be entered into and faithfully maintained.

Just twenty-four years ago the North Carolina Farmers' Alliance was organized; its membership limited to farm laborers, country merchants, physicians, and ministers of the Gospel. With the avowed purpose of educating its members and the agricultural classes generally in the science of economical government in a non-partisan spirit; to develop a better State mentally, morally, socially and financially, to strive to secure entire harmony and good will among all men and brotherly love among ourselves. To what extent we have succeeded, only an accurate and just history, compiled by some competent writer, conversant with its working from the beginning, can show.

I am one of its members who believes, while acknowledging that grave and serious mistakes have been made in some things, that it has accomplished great good, not only for its members individually and collectively, but for the State at large, and that it still lives, and will continue to live, working for the betterment of the agricultural classes and incidentally for all others.

It behooves us that we should strive with our utmost power, lest we, like the animals of the field, borne prone to the earth and obedient to the appetites, should pass away without accomplishing the purposes for which we organized and are laboring for, un-honored and unsung.

I do not think it necessary that I should attempt in this short talk, to teach you how to make your farms more productive. The Agricultural Colleges, "Farmers' Institutes," Test Farms, and agricultural press, all partially the outcome of your suggestions, demands and support, are very effectively accomplishing this. I will, however, suggest, that when you have made your land productive, and are making \$500 a year more per crop, that you learn also to retain the greater improvement of your farms and to increase the comforts of your homes.

It has been customary with some of your presiding officers, at our Annual Meetings, to express their opinions and make suggestions as to the course to be pursued by our Order on such measures as have been the subject of legislation, or are being agitated by the public. I shall allude to but very few of these.

Having practiced medicine in the country for forty years, and therefore being familiar with the unsanitary surroundings of our farm dwellings generally, and impressed with the importance of a knowledge, however imperfect, on the part of our farm dwellers, of the prevention of preventable diseases, I advise that our Sub-Alliances subscribe for, and make a study of, and discuss at their monthly meetings, such articles as it may contain of interest to them, "The North Carolina Bulletin of Health," a publication, the outcome of the wisdom and labors of the members of "The North Carolina Board of Health," especially of its long-time Secretary, Dr. R. H. Lewis, to whose untiring energy and zeal, the health laws of our State and the necessary appropriations to enforce them, are largely due.

The Bulletin will be sent to any citizen of the State upon request.

So wide-spread has become the interest in public education, so determined are our citizens, that every child shall have an opportunity of a public school education and so effective have become the efforts of those at the head of our educational system, that we need but endorse and support their lead.

Good roads are absolutely indispensable to agricultural progress and to the highest attainment of civilization. How to economically build and maintain them, should have our most earnest consideration.

I believe, with the great Vance, that to North Carolinians and their children, should belong North Carolina. The natural increase will be rapid enough to develop all our resources in ample time. We know nothing of race suicide, and God forbid that we ever should.

Our Lecturer will himself report to you the result of his labors during the year.

The Business Agent will report the result of his labors.

We have lost by death during the year a member of our Executive Committee, Bro. W. B. Fleming, of Ridgeway. As a Confederate soldier and as a citizen, his every thought was for faithful performance of duty. When shot through the lungs and left upon the battlefield as too badly wounded to be moved, he uttered no word of complaint, and though I knew him for years as an intimate friend, I never knew until his death, that he was ever wounded, so modest and fearful of boasting was he. May we emulate and perpetuate his virtues.

Having filled to the best of my ability the duties of the office to which your partiality assigned me, I wish to thank each and every one of you for the kind support which you have accorded me in my efforts to disseminate and maintain the principles, and increase the membership of "The North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance" and yield to my successor the gavel with the faith that the principles advocated by the Alliance will finally prevail.

R. H. SPEIGHT,

President North Carolina State Farmers' Alliance.

On motion of J. M. Mitchell, it was ordered that the President's Address be spread upon the minutes and a copy sent to The Progressive Farmer and Gazette and one to the News and Observer. All State papers are asked to copy.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER AND STATE BUSINESS AGENT.

The Secretary-Treasurer and State Business Agent, George F. Parrott, submits his reports as follows:

Brother President and Brethren:

As Secretary-Treasurer and State Business Agent, I have turned my books and papers, etc., over to your Executive Committee whose duty it is to examine them and report their findings.

That a greater volume of business has not been done, I regret.

The members are not buying through the Agency. It is true, that a great many inquiries for prices, etc., come to me, but prompt answers do not bring orders; the only effect being to increase the bill for stamps. Indeed, there are some from whom we should expect some aid who never even make inquiry as to prices, etc. This, my brethren, is not helping to hold my hands up. However, we are not here to indulge in useless repinings or to quarrel with fate.

If you will pardon me, I will quit the beaten path of my predecessors and of myself and will offer some suggestions which seem to me would, if adopted, be of great and permanent benefit to the Alliance, or would be the means of arriving at some plans to secure a much-needed relief. Three years ago—and each year since—I have insisted that something be done; now we are to the point that something must be done, and at this meeting.

Now, I suggest that we select five of our very best men, who are, by reason of their love for the Alliance, cool judgment, and determination, qualified to act on a "Committee for the Good of the Order"; this committee to be selected at once, and who shall retire and formulate some plan, or plans, for our good, and who shall from time to time make report to this body for its acceptance or rejection. It is further suggested that each of us here propose to this committee, in writing any idea or plan which he may think helpful to the Alliance, the committee to call before them any one from whom they may wish explanation; no one to remain in the presence of this committee while they are in session after they have his explanation.

Now, brethren, if there are those of you who would take any backward step, who would disband, or who would consolidate with the Farmers' Union, or any other organization, hear me when I say that I would remind you of the very solemn oath you took when you joined the Alliance. That the men who compose their membership are any truer men than those who compose our membership, I do deny; that their principles are better than ours, I flatly deny, having no fear of successful contradiction.

Then why go to them to be saved? Let us pull with them, or with any other organization for the uplift of mankind, but don't be the tail to the kite of any man, or set of men, especially when you have a kite of your own. Don't give up the old ship. If your plans are at fault (and I think they are), change them at this meeting. If your State Officers are not doing their duty, elect others in their stead. If their time is not out at this meeting, ask for their resignation. For myself, my time is not out until November 1st; but you can get my resignation to-day if you want it.

Our principles and purposes cannot be wrong; they are not at fault. They will live as long as yonder Eno Mountain stands; yes, till the sun grows cold till the stars are old, till the leaves of the Judgment Book unfold.

That there are men who would welcome our downfall, I do not deny; that there are men who would speak ill of us, I do not deny; but, brethren, years after these defamers have been laid in their long-forgotten graves, our principles will live in the hearts of men, and the very word Alliance will rest on the tongues of good men and true women everywhere.

Now, then, in your deliberations please do not consider my personal interest; do with me as you wish. I request only that you save a place for my name on the roll book of some Sub-Alliance, and that you accept thanks, coming as it does from a heart overflowing with gratitude for the very many evidences of confidence and fraternal feeling of which I have been the recipient at your hands.

Again, we welcome you here. Take anything you wish that you can get without the use of a crow-bar. It is all yours or mine; to that which is yours you are entitled; to that which is mine you are welcome.

REPORT OF LECTURER.

State Lecturer H. M. Cates read his report as follows:

To the Officers and Members of the Farmers' State Alliance of North Carolina:

I, the undersigned, your Lecturer, beg leave to make the following report:

One more year has been left behind us. During this year hundreds of names have been added to our roll of the very best men and women at all. Many counties have been visited, and many old members are stronger and better Alliance men to-day than they were one year ago; but I realize very sensibly that it is easier to get men to join our great Order than it is to keep them there under present conditions; therefore, I do recommend that this State Alliance take some steps to move forward, and let the great question of this State Meeting be, What in your opinion is the most important step to be taken the coming year to increase our numbers and make it worth while to be a member of the Farmers' Alliance of North Carolina? I thank you kindly for past favors, and beg to be in the future, as in the past,

Very cordially and fraternally yours,

H. M. CATES, State Lecturer.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF B. A. FUND.

August 1, 1910.

The Fund now consists of—

\$10,000 N. C. 4 per cent bonds due in 1913.....	\$10,000.00
\$2,000 N. C. 4 per cent bonds due in 1950.....	2,000.00
Uninvested cash in hand.....	202.62
Unpaid balance on mortgage on Headquarters.....	7,118.00
Total	\$19,320.62

Changes during year:

January 25th, paid on mortgage \$100.

Exchanged \$12,000 North Carolina 4 per cent bonds, due in 1910, for \$10,000 due in 1912, and \$2,000 due in 1950.

Received cash par for \$200 N. C. 4 per cent bonds, matured July 1, 1910.

The earnings of the Fund since last report have been as follows:

August 1, 1909, uninvested balance in hand.....	\$160.32
January 1, 1910, coupons	242.00
July 1, 1910, coupons.....	244.00
Total	\$646.32

Expenditures, 1909.

Expense to State Alliance, 1909.....	\$16.75
Expense to Johnston County Alliance.....	5.00
Expense to Charlotte	2.50

1910.

On \$100 N. C. 4 per cent bonds.....	\$100.00
Trip to Edgecombe Alliance in April.....	5.10
Express on bonds	3.50
Exchanging bonds	60.00
Postage and stationery85
Salary	250.00
Total	<hr/> \$443.70 <hr/>
Leaving unmolested balance in hand of.....	\$202.62

The mortgage given on Headquarter's property for drafts on the B. A. Fund prior to August 1, 1896, for \$10,219 has been reduced by applying the earning of the Fund, together with payments from Business Agent's earnings, to \$7,118.00 as it now stands.

(Signed) W. A. GRAHAM,
Trustee Business Agent Fund.

The Committee on Organ which was appointed last year submitted their report, which was read and referred to the Committee on Good of the Order. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF ORGAN COMMITTEE.

To the Officers and Members of the North Carolina State Farmers' Alliance:

We, your Committee on Official Organ for the State Alliance, elected at your last State Meeting, beg leave to submit the following report:

On the 24th day of September, 1909, we met in Raleigh, N. C., all members of the committee present, and after thoroughly considering the matter, we decided the one thing most needful was to establish the paper, as instructed by the State Alliance, as soon as possible. We received bids at this meeting from the following publishing houses: Mutual Publishing Company of Raleigh, Kinston Free Press of Kinston, and Nash Brothers' Publishing Company of Goldsboro, N. C. The last-named company's bid being cheaper than the other bids, this we decided to accept, and begin the publication of the paper at once, with our Business Agent and Secretary-Treasurer as editor and manager, without any increase of salary, together with our Lecturer as associate editor. The name of the paper to be "The Farmers' Friend." But your Executive Committee met a few days later and passed the following resolution:

"It is the sense of the Executive Committee that it is not possible, in the present condition of our treasury, to finance an Alliance organ that would be a credit to our organization"; but your committee feels so sensible of the fact that an organ was the one thing needful to the life and advancement of our Order; realizing that printers' ink is the greatest 'eye opener' in all the

world, therefore we made the second effort, meeting again on December 15, 1909, with the same result. We recommended that this State Alliance now in session elect a committee of five on organ, and clothe them with sufficient power to establish and put in circulation an organ as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

J. M. MITCHELL, Chairman.

R. G. HART, Secretary.

President Speight announced committees as follows:

Alliance Organ.—J. M. Mitchell, J. C. Bain, George F. Parrott and H. M. Cates.

Resolutions and Demands.—T. P. Johnston, J. L. Green, H. H. Thompson, P. C. Caldwell and J. H. Flowers.

Publication.—J. A. Davis, H. M. Cates, H. D. Egerton, and W. G. Kornegay.

Constitution and By-Laws.—H. E. Thompson, J. E. Peterson, R. T. Hart, J. H. Williamson and J. C. Bain.

Business Agency.—P. F. Evans, Geo. T. Lane, J. H. Evans, Moses Creech and A. M. Hunter.

Education.—John Graham, P. C. Caldwell, Oscar Hardy, D. J. McLaurin, and W. L. Baker.

Lecturing.—Thomas D. Preston, P. F. Evans, Augustus Williams, J. H. Walker and R. D. Trevathan.

Good of the Order.—J. C. Bain, H. H. Thompson, J. M. Mitchell, R. G. Hart and W. S. Gardner.

Chairman of Committee on Demands and Resolutions offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the county and Sub-Alliances sending delegates to the State Alliance should provide them with credentials signed and sealed by the proper officers, according to the constitution.

On motion of J. H. Evans thirty minutes of to-night's session will be devoted to the memory of our deceased brother, W. B. Fleming, who has died since our last annual meeting.

Adjourned at 8.30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Having examined the books and vouchers in the office of the State Business Agent and Secretary-Treasurer, your Executive Committee begs leave to report their findings as follows:

THE CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS.

Receipts.

Aug. 1, 1909, Balance forward	\$1,817.22
Aug. 1, 1910, Receipts year ending to-day	2,896.82
Items not posted	540.90

Total receipts from all sources..... \$5,254.94

Expenditures.

Paid as per books as posted	\$4,267.03
Paid unposted checks	392.36
Balance in bank subject to check	595.55

Total \$5,254.94

Separating the accounts we find as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER.

Receipts.

Aug. 1, 1909, Balance forward	\$472.73
Aug. 1, 1910, Fees and dues since last report	301.55

Total resources for the year..... \$774.28

Expenditures.

Paid H. M. Cates, Lecturer	\$339.90
Paid Geo. F. Parrott on salary account	100.00
Balance in hand	334.38

Total \$774.28

DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE BUSINESS AGENCY.

Receipts.

Aug. 1, 1909, Balance brought forward	\$1,344.49
Receipts since Aug. 1, 1909, to date	3,136.17

Total resources for year ending Aug. 1, 1910. 4,480.66

Expenditures.

Paid on all accounts during the year ending Aug. 1, 1910,	\$4,219.49
Balance working fund in hand	261.17

Total \$4,480.66

The Trustees report on another page shows the total assets in his hands to be at this time:

State bonds	\$12,000.00
Mortgage on headquarters	7,118.00
Cash uninvested	202.62

Total \$19,320.62

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. DENMARK, Chairman.

The hour having arrived for the exercises in memory of our beloved member of the Executive Committee, Bro. W. B. Fleming, who has died since our last Annual Meeting, the resolutions adopted by the Johnston County Farmers' Alliance at Smithfield on July 16, 1910, were read by our State Lecturer, and after tender and touching remarks by Prof. John Graham, who was long his next-door neighbor, and had served a dozen years with him on the Executive Committee; also ex-President Joseph E. Peterson; Major W. A. Graham, Trustee; J. W. Denmark, Chairman of the Executive Committee for thirteen years, all the while Brother Fleming served on it; H. M. Cates, our State Lecturer; T. P. Johnston, and others, all of whom bore loving testimony to his noble and Christ-like virtues and to his untiring devotion to our Order which he loved so devotedly and served so faithfully and cheerfully to the end.

After these remarks, the vote was taken on the Johnston County resolutions, and they were adopted by a unanimous vote, as they appear on page 18, which is specially set part for them.

Prof. John Graham offered the following, which was adopted:

Whereas, there is urgent demand for the establishment of Agricultural High Schools, and the appropriation by the Legislature of North Carolina of sufficient means to establish successfully these High Schools; now, be it—

Resolved, by the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance, in Annual Session at Hillsboro, this day, August 9, 1910, that the free use of our Headquarter's property, including the farm of one hundred and forty acres, or so much of it as may be necessary, is hereby offered to the State of North Carolina rent free for the establishment of one of these High Schools, reserving the right to hold our Annual Meetings in the buildings.

Committee on Good of the Order submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Legislative Committee of five—one of whom shall be the President, four of whom shall be appointed by the President to confer with the State Department of Education, and others interested in the course of agricultural education in reference to the location of Agricultural High Schools, to secure the proper representation of our body upon the Board of Trustees of the High School to be established at Hillsboro, should such school be established at Hillsboro.

The resolution was adopted and the following brethren named to serve on the committee: R. H. Speight, President ex-officio

member; John Graham, J. M. Mitchell, R. G. Hart, and H. D. Edgerton.

The Committee on Lecturing submitted the following, which was adopted:

Realizing the great work that has been done by our present State Lecturer, and believing that his whole heart is in the work, we recommend that he be re-elected as State Lecturer, and also urge that our County Lecturers be requested to move forward in the work for the betterment of the Alliances in their respective counties, and should they, at any time, need help, that they call on the State Lecturer, for we do realize that our future destiny depends upon the active work of our membership.

The following was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance, in Annual Session at Hillsboro, N. C., August 9, 1910, send fraternal greetings to the Farmers' Union, and bid them God-speed in their efforts to better the condition of the farmers and laborers of America.

Resolved, That these greetings be sent to their National Meeting in Charlotte, N. C., during their Annual Meeting in that city.

The Committee on Resolutions and Demands report favorably on the following, which is unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and hereby tendered to our worthy hostess, Mrs. George F. Parrott, for her untiring efforts to secure our social and physical happiness and comfort, and we recommend that our Executive Committee make a suitable acknowledgment of the same. P. T. JOHNSTON.

WEDNESDAY—9:00 A. M., AUGUST 10.

The Alliance was called to order and opened in regular order by the President. Minutes of previous day's session were read, corrected and approved.

J. M. Mitchell, Chairman of Organ Committee, reported as follows, which was unanimously adopted:

REPORT OF ORGAN COMMITTEE.

We beg to submit practically the same report as last year, to-wit:

It is hereby unanimously recommended that steps be taken at once to establish a paper of our own at Headquarters, or elsewhere the Committee may designate—monthly, or semi-monthly—at a cost not to exceed 50 cents per year subscription, and a reasonable charge for acceptable advertisements.

That we hereby recommend that this State Alliance empower

and instruct a special committee of three, together with our Secretary-Treasurer and Lecturer, to have the same published as soon as possible.

J. M. MITCHELL,
R. G. HART,
H. E. THOMPSON,
Committee.

The Executive Committee made the following recommendation, which was adopted:

That all expenses for lecturing, outside of those incurred by the State Lecturer, be paid by the Sub or County Alliances visited.

The hour appointed for the election of officers having arrived, the election was held and the following were elected:

President—Dr. R. H. Speight, Whitakers, N. C.

Vice-President—J. H. Williamson, Chadbourn, N. C.

Secretary-Treasurer State Business Agency—Geo. F. Parrott, Hillsboro, N. C.

Lecturer—H. M. Cates, Swepsonville, N. C.

Steward—J. C. Bain, Wade, N. C.

Chaplain—Rev. C. C. Williams, R. 2, Mebane, N. C.

Dookeeper—G. T. Lane, Greensboro, N. C.

Sergeant-at-Arms—H. H. Thompson, Hillsboro, N. C.

Executive Committee—J. W. Denmark, Raleigh, N. C.; to fill unexpired term of W. B. Fleming, deceased, H. E. Thompson Stantonsburg, N. C.

The following was adopted by a two-thirds vote:

Resolved, That the Constitution be so changed as to allow any county one representative in the State Alliance, if said county has one or more active Sub-Alliances. Provided, the delegate shall present proper evidence of his appointment.

Committee on Good of the Order submitted the following, which was adopted:

We, the Committee on Good of the Order, do endorse all the efforts, reports and success of the Organ Committee, and hereby recommend the full and hearty support of the brethren of the State Alliance for its success.

R. G. HART,
For Committee.

Bro. R. G. Hart offered the following, which was adopted:

“Resolved, That a rising vote of thanks be extended to Brother Egerton for his efficient services as Assistant Secretary during our session. The work he has done without expecting compensation for his services convinces us of his love and loyalty to our

noble Order. We extend to him our brotherly love and affection, and trust an All-wise Providence will bless him and his all their lives.

The following offered by Bro. J. M. Mitchell was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Alliance that the Executive Committee should not change the salary of the Business Agent the coming year.

Adjourned untill 8:30 p. m.

The Alliance reconvened at 8:30 p. m., August 10th.

The partial report of the Executive Committee was received and accepted.

This report being intended as special information of a miscellaneous nature, and only intended for the information of the brethren present, is withheld from the Minutes.

After speeches and suggestions from several brethren on the subject of working for the next year for an increase of membership and interest in our Order, after singing, "God be with you till we meet again," the President's gavel tapped and he announced the 1910 meeting of the State Alliance adjourned.

R. H. SPEIGHT, President.

GEO. F. PARROTT, Secretary.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

Adopted at the regular meeting of the Johnston County Farmers' Alliance, July 16, 1910, at Smithfield, N. C., and read before, and adopted by, the North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance, in its Twenty-fourth Annual Session at Alliance Headquarters, near Hillsboro, N. C., Aug. 9, 1910.

Resolved, That since the last State Meeting we have sustained a great and irreparable loss; a grievous calamity has come to the Alliance; mankind has lost a friend; we have lost a co-worker of great worth; we have lost a brother whom we all loved:

WILLIAM B. FLEMING IS DEAD.

We would not forget him if we could; we should not forget him if we would. He stood by the Farmers' Alliance in its infancy; in its youth he gave it encouragement; he was delighted at the great strength it once had; in its strong manhood he rejoiced; he was delighted at the many victories it won socially, educationally, financially, agriculturally; and, best of all, religiously; not for himself, but for his fellow-man whom he loved so well.

Now not only as a token of esteem, but as evidence of the great love we have for his memory; be it further--

Resolved, That we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, that these resolutions be given a page in our minutes, and that a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

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